Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—And the acceptance?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—And the acceptance by the Government is also a formal acceptance.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Why is the agreement not entered into?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The Government did not consider over it

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was the offer embodied in writing?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government suspend the selling to private parties after this offer, for some time?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Supply of water to steamers—profits from.

341. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what quantities of water was supplied to the steamers during each of the last three official years;

(b) the expenses incurred in the above supply;

(c) the amount realised by the supply;

(d) the profits or losses arrived at over the above supplies during each of the years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 1105—No supply.

1106—3,088 tons.

1107—12,502 tons.

(b) The expenses cannot be accurately computed as the expenditure includes the charges for supply to Mattancheri also.

(c) 1105—Nil.

1106—Rs. 3,859-6-10.

1107— ,, 15,627-9-0.

(d) In view of the answer to (b) the profits or loss cannot be gauged. The Government supplies water to steamers not with the idea of making any profit but for the development of the Harbour and to increase the importance of the Port.

Water supply in Mattancheri—inadequacy of.

342. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what quantity of water was supplied to the Mattancheri Municipal area during the summer months and during the rest of the period separately during the last official year;

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